



Informal SBSTA workshop on Transparency Reporting Tables and Formats

SBSTA informal technical workshop on development of common reporting tables and formats related to the enhanced transparency framework

Concept Note

I. Context

At the closing of the SBSTA May-June session, many Parties highlighted the importance of engaging, particularly in-person, in further technical work on methodological issues under the Paris Agreement prior to their arrival in Glasgow, particularly on the common reporting tables and formats referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 18/CMA.1. This message was reinforced by many Parties during the July Ministerial meeting hosted by the COP26 Presidency in London and during the pre-COP26 in Milan (30 September–2 October 2021), as well as during various bilateral consultations held by the SBSTA Chair and Presidencies over the past few months.

This concept note presents information on the informal technical workshop related to methodological issues under the Paris Agreement, to be held on Sunday 31 October 2021 in Glasgow.

The Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines (MPGs) that were adopted in the Katowice Climate Package through decision 18/CMA.1 set the rules for the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement. The Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) further requested the SBSTA to develop, pursuant to the MPGs, for consideration and adoption by the CMA at its third session, the following¹:

- A. Common reporting tables (CRT) for the electronic reporting of the information in the national inventory reports of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (GHG);
- B. Common tabular formats (CTF) for the electronic reporting of the information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;
- C. CTFs for the electronic reporting of the information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building (FTC) support provided and mobilized as well as support needed and received under Articles 9–11 of the Paris Agreement;
- D. Outlines of the biennial transparency report (BTR), national inventory document and technical expert review report pursuant to the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support; and
- E. The training programme for technical experts participating in the technical expert review.

¹ Decision 18/CMA.1, para. 12



Successful adoption of a decision at CMA.3 on transparency is essential to provide Parties sufficient time to build and implement efficient systems for the preparation and submission of the first BTR, no later than 31 December 2024.

The SBSTA began its consideration of these methodological issues under the Paris Agreement at SBSTA 50 in June 2019 with a view to completing the work by the time of CMA3, as per decision 18/CMA.1. At the session in May–June 2021, the SBSTA conducted informal work on these matters in a virtual format. The progress of this informal work has been captured in informal notes by the SBSTA Chair with the support of the co-facilitators of this SBSTA agenda item on Methodological Issues under the Paris Agreement.

The SBSTA Chair acknowledges the challenges that Parties are facing in engaging in this highly technical work in a virtual setting as the discussions are detailed and the volume of remaining work is significant. The SBSTA Chair also acknowledges the need for convening a technical workshop requested by a number of Ministers during the pre-COP held in early October in Milan, to allow Parties to go through all reporting tables and formats developed thus far in preparation for enhancing effective engagement of their technical experts on these matters in Glasgow. In response to this need, the SBSTA Chair, with the support of the COP Presidencies, will convene an in-person technical workshop on these matters on Sunday 31 October 2021 in Glasgow.

II. Objective

The objective of this informal technical workshop is to provide the necessary space for Parties to discuss the outstanding technical details related to the CRT for GHG inventory information, the CTF for tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs, and the CTF for financial, technology development and transfer and capacity-building (FTC) support.

It is the expressed hope of the SBSTA Chair and the COP Presidencies that this technical workshop will remind Parties of the key issues, discussions and progress to date on these topics, and set the stage to advance thinking and build bridges towards solutions. This will enable all Parties to “hit the ground running” in Glasgow and facilitate the work required under this agenda item for adoption of the package at CMA3.

III. Description

The informal technical workshop on 31 October 2021 aims to advance understanding on CRT for GHG inventory information, CTF for tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs, and CTF for FTC support.

The workshop will be divided into three equal parts, each part focusing on one set of the tables or formats. The in-person workshop will be open to participation by Parties, with an option for virtual participation for a limited number of delegates unable to attend in-person. Admitted observer organizations will be invited to follow the informal workshop via a broadcast link.



IV. Draft Agenda

The overall agenda for the workshop scheduled to take place on **31 October 2021** is as follows:

Time	Discussion
11:00–11:10	Opening remarks by the SBSTA Chair and the COP Presidencies
11:10–12:35	CRT for the electronic reporting of GHG inventories
12:35-12:50	<i>Break</i>
12:50-14:15	CTF for the electronic reporting of information for tracking progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs
14:15-15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00-16:30	CTF for the electronic reporting of information on FTC support
16:30-16:45	Closing remarks by the Presidencies and the SBSTA Chair

Further details regarding the informal technical workshop will be made available in due course at the [SBSTA Chair Lobby](#), the consultations webpage for the [COP25 Presidency and the COP26 incoming Presidency](#).

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